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LOYOLA HOSTS O.S.L. BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Loyola College Warriors, Quebec's winningest college Basketball team -- they've already captured the Coupe de Québec -- will be hosts for the O.S.L. Intercollegiate Championship March 1-2.

John McConachie, Loyola's invaluable man behind the scenes is directing the Tournament and has scheduled the games on a non-conflicting basis with the hockey play-offs. For the first time O.S.L. fans will be able to follow both the hockey play-offs on Friday night and Saturday afternoon at Sherbrooke and Basketball play-offs on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

The Warriors, who completed a second successive undefeated season in the O.S.L.(24-0) will face Macdonald College in the Tournament opener at 6:30 Saturday night. Macdonald, with a 4-6 won-lost record, finished 4th in the final standings.

The second game, at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, pits second place Royal Military College of Kingston (6-4) against third place Université de Sherbrooke.

The final will be contested Sunday afternoon 2:00 p.m. again in the Loyola gym.

Winner of the weekends basketball championship will represent the O.S.L. in the National Finals at the University of Waterloo the following week commencing on next Thursday March 6.

Loyola is favored to capture the O.S.L. Crown but know well that anything can happen in the play-offs. Last year after beating Carleton handily in two games during the season by 15 or more points Loyola lost 59-53 in the play-offs.

Daigneault will start with the same powerful five that defeated the best the East Section of the OQAA could offer downing Carleton 69-47 and McGill 93-32, and all comers in the O.S.L.

Big John McAuliffe, the league's leading scorer will be at center, Muscleman Jack Contos who has been an inspiration to all his teammates and starry Earl Lewis at the forward positions. Quick Pete Phipps and reliable Tom Profenno at guards. Ready in reserve are Jim Ivy, Dave Burke, Joe Zaganczyk, Harvey Kessler, Jerry Walsh, Ron McAllister and Peter Mullins.

"We really have twelve starters. I would not hesitate to start anyone of them", commented Daigneault.

Courtside observers feel that Coach Daigneault's green freshmen that buckled under the pressure last year have matured a great deal. "The poise and maturity of our squad at present is encouraging and I feel we will represent the OSL and make a strong showing in the nationals", commented Assistant Varsity Coach Alex Sidorenko at last night's practice.